

Regular MetroCOG Board Meeting
Thursday, October 31, 2024, 10:00 am
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor, (Proxy, Ken Flatto)	Bridgeport
David Bindelglass, First Selectman, Remote	Easton
William Gerber, First Selectman, (Proxy, Christine Brown) Remote 10:20	Fairfield
Laura Hoydick, Mayor, Remote	Stratford
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman	Trumbull
Terry Rooney, First Selectman, Remote	Monroe
Jane Dunbar	CTDOT
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director	MetroCOG
Devin Clarke, Senior Transportation Planner, Remote	MetroCOG
Meg Haffner	Kennedy Center

Minutes

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairwoman Vicki Tesoro at 10:01 am.

II. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation

III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

a. September 26th, 2024

A motion to approve the September minutes was made by First Selectman Bindelglass and seconded by Mayor Hoydick. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Action Items:**

a. Resolution: CT OPM Parcel Mapping Project -ARPA Funding

A motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Rooney.

Mr. Fulda explained that the resolution allowed MetroCOG to accept \$72,600 in OPM funding to be utilized to improve parcel and CAMA data.

Mr. Flatto inquired if the funding could be used for flyovers.

Mr. Fulda responded that he would look into it once the final document was available. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Resolution: EPA Brownfield Assessment for CT Sports Group

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by Mr. Flatto.

Mr. Fulda explained that CT Sports Group would be using the assessment funding for phase I and III site testing.

Mayor Hoydick inquired who would hold the reports.

Mr. Carleton responded that the City, Developer and MetroCOG would all have access to the reports, should something happen.

The motion carried unanimously.

V. **Other Business**

a. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Ms. Sloan noted that all resolutions, except Bridgeport, have been approved and Bridgeport was scheduled for November.

Mr. Fulda commended Ms. Sloan and her team on the report and thanked the board for its local support.

Ms. Sloan announced some funding was remaining if local assistance was needed.

b. MetroCOG Regional Plan of Conservation & Development

Mr. Fulda announced that an RFP was drafted to bring on a consultant, completion was anticipated for fall 2025.

c. Brownfield Update

Mr. Carleton provided a brief update and explained that funding was available for any

brownfields work.

- d. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program
Mr. Fulda provided an update on the ongoing process and noted that MetroCOG was now in the second year and engaged Weston & Sampson for the climate action plan. There was a brief discussion regarding energy issues in the region.
- e. LOTCIP Update
Mr. Fulda explained that LOTCIP projects were moving forward for each municipality. There was a brief discussion regarding eligible projects.
- f. Battery Electric Storage System
Mr. Fulda explained that he wanted to gauge the interest of the board for a battery electric storage system.
Mr. Flatto warned that it could be a lengthy project.
- g. Food Scrap Composting
Mr. Fulda provided an update noting that the compost company was still looking for a location and explained the opportunity for a regional composting approach.
- h. Next Meeting Dates:
 - i. November 21, 2024
 - ii. December 19, 2024
 - iii. December 19, 2024 Annual Dinner
Mr. Fulda commented that the annual dinner meeting would be held at BOCA and anticipated inviting the legislative delegation.

VI. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by Mr. Flatto. The meeting was adjourned at 10:46am.

First Selectman Bindelglass, MetroCOG Secretary